REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL	Application Number	09/985,856
	Confirmation Number	4383
	Filing Date	November 6, 2001
MAIL STOP RCE	First Named Inventor	Hidenori MUKAIDA
Commissioner for Patents	Group Art Unit	2837
P.O. Box 1450	Examiner Name	Shih Y. Hsieh
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Matter Number	Q67030
Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995	Title	ENGINE MUFFLER
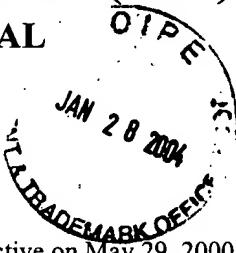
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☑ Previously submitted

i. ☑ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on   November 26, 2003

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii.☐ Other _____

b. ☑ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii.☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)

iv. ☑ Petition for Extension of Time

v. ☐ Other _____

2. MISCELLANEOUS

a. ☑ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of   3   Months

b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES

Checks for the RCE statutory fee of $385.00 and for the Petition fee of $130.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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Signature _____ Date   January 28, 2004
for John Bird